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Former NFL Player Sentenced to Life Without Parole for Three Murders

A former defensive lineman with the Los Angeles and Oakland Raiders was sentenced today to three consecutive terms of life in state prison without parole for a 1999 double homicide and a 2001 murder, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Anthony Wayne Smith, 48, was convicted by a jury on Nov. 5, 2015, of three counts of first-degree murder with the special circumstances of torture, kidnapping, and multiple murders.

Deputy District Attorneys Jonathan Chung and Tom Trainor prosecuted case MA056689.

Victims Ricky and Kevin Nettles, who were brothers, were kidnapped by Smith from their car wash business in Los Angeles as he posed as a police officer on Nov. 10, 1999, prosecutors said. Both brothers were tortured and killed, according to court testimony.

On June 24, 2001, Dennis Henderson also was kidnapped in Mar Vista by Smith, prosecutors added. Henderson was beaten and stabbed to death, according to evidence presented at the trial.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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About the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](http://da.lacounty.gov) prosecuted more than 71,000 felony defendants and nearly 112,000 misdemeanor defendants.